

## LETTERS PROVE DIPLOMAT'S GUILT

CAPT. VON PAPPEN'S CORRESPONDENCE SHOWS BOMB PARTICIPATION.

### TEEM WITH INSULT TO WILSON

All Evidence Will Be Furnished to State Department, and Government Can Lay Hold of All Neutrality Disturbers.

London.—Correspondence seized from Capt. Franz von Pappen, recalled German military attaché at Washington, when he reached Falmouth on his way to Germany, shows that Capt. von Pappen made frequent payments to persons charged with the responsibility for blowing up munitions works and bridges in the United States.

Copies of the correspondence have been turned over to the American embassy for transmission to the state department.

One entry shows that Capt. von Pappen gave \$700 to Werner Horn, who was arrested in connection with blowing up a Canadian Pacific railway bridge at St. Croix, Me. The day before this check was issued the German embassy paid \$2,000 into Capt. von Pappen's account.

In addition to the financial documents, the letters furnish a volume in themselves. They teem with insult to President Wilson, and even contain threats of the iron determination on the part of Germany to wreak vengeance upon the United States.

Sent \$500 to Seattle. When further details become known they will enable the United States to lay hands upon nearly all the German agents who have been in the pay of von Pappen since the outbreak of the German propaganda in the United States.

Among the papers taken from von Pappen is a letter from the German consul at New Orleans condoling with him on his recall from Washington, and criticizing severely the attitude of the American government.

In January, 1915, Capt. von Pappen gave a check payable to Amels & Co., New York, but with the name of E. Kueperle in brackets on the stub. This is believed to have reference to the man named Kueperle who, after being arrested in England on a charge of espionage, committed suicide, leaving a written confession in his cell.

As an example to the size of the captain's financial operations, his bank book shows that in January of 1915 he received approximately \$6,400 and paid out \$5,000.

### FIXING UP A LONG ANSWER

Great Britain's Replies to Recent Notes Are in the Making—No Dates Specified.

London, Eng.—The British reply to the most recent American notes, is well under way, but no date for its dispatch has been determined, because it is necessary to confer with France before it is sent. Because of its detailed character the answer probably will be the longest which has been made to any American note during the war.

The attitude of the British foreign office respecting the blockade of Germany is summed up as follows in the White Paper of Jan. 4:

"The actions of the German government led to the adoption of more extended powers of interfering with German commerce in March, 1915. The allied governments then decided to stop all goods which could be proved to be going to or coming from Germany.

"The state of things produced is in effect a blockade adapted to the conditions of modern war and commerce, the only difference in the operations being that the goods seized are not necessarily confiscated."

### U. S. Butter for Russian Bread.

Chicago.—What is believed to be the world's largest single shipment of butter—744,000 pounds, or 372 tons—is on its way to New York, consigned by a Chicago firm to the Russian government.

### Americans at Madera Safe.

Washington.—The state department has received official advices from El Paso that the report that nine Americans had been killed at Madera was false. El Paso states that all Americans there are safe.

### Ambassador From Chile Resigns.

Washington.—Eduardo Suarez Majada, ambassador from Chile, has tendered his resignation to his home government. It became known here.

### Bank Robbers Get \$200.

Clayton, Ala.—Yeggs blew the vault of the Midway and James Banking Company here, getting away with only about \$200. The sheriff of Barbour county, with a posse and bloodhounds, are after the thieves.

### German Soldier Escapes to U. S.

Boston, Mass.—Peter Mohr, a young German soldier who escaped from a French prison camp, has arrived here as a stowaway on the American steamer Virginia, and was allowed to enter the country.

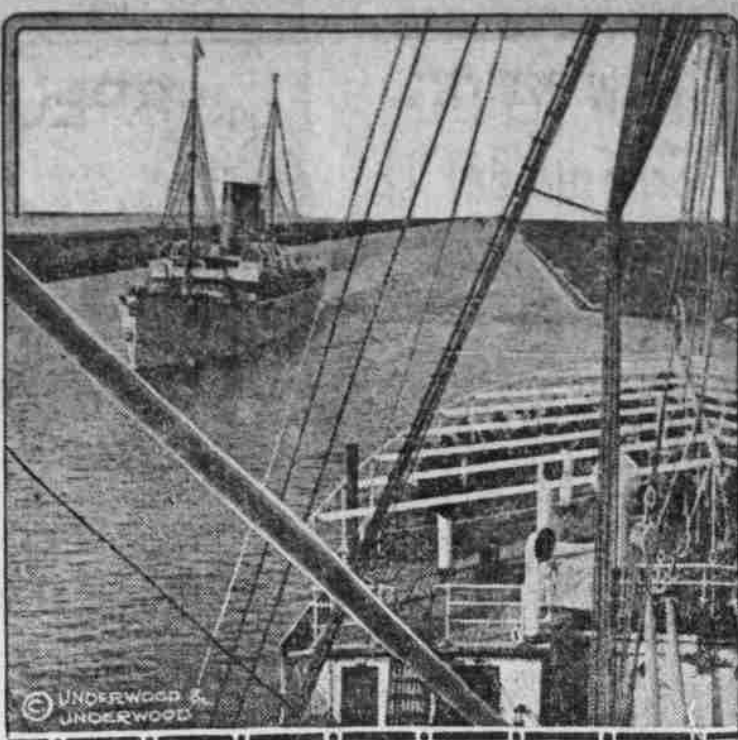
### Killed by Own Pistol.

Peoria, Ill.—Joseph Enos, 60 years old, an official in the police station, was instantly killed when a revolver dropped out of his holster to the floor and was discharged.

### Oil Rate Rehearing Denied.

Washington.—Petitions of Oklahoma and Kansas oil refiners for a rehearing on freight rates on petroleum to St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul and other points in the West, were denied by the interstate commerce commission.

## SUEZ CANAL THREATENED BY TEUTONS



View along the Suez canal, which may be the objective of the next great drive by the Teutonic and Turkish armies.

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## GASS APPORTIONS BIG SCHOOL FUND

SUPREME COURT HOLDS MOST OF SUM ONCE INVOLVED IN LITIGATION.

### MANDAMUS CASE IS SETTLED

Under the Law Some High Schools Receive Aid to the Extent of \$12,000—Carter County Gets the Least.

Jefferson City. Under a ruling of the Missouri supreme court in the mandamus case to test the question of what revenue is available for apportionment to the public school fund, State Superintendent of Schools Howard A. Gass has made a supplementary apportionment of the additional amount held by Judge C. B. Farris in his opinion, to be due the schools.

The amount in question was approximately half a million dollars. Of this amount Judge Farris held \$324,189.31, which belonged to the school fund.

This amount with the regular apportionment made last August, brings the total school moneys distributed to the public schools of Missouri by the state for the year 1915 to \$1,948,744.02, or \$13,694 more than the apportionment for 1914.

All counties will receive checks based on school attendance and the number of teachers employed. Carter county will receive the smallest apportionment, \$425.35.

The new apportionment proper will total \$317,379.55, the balance of the \$324,189.31 awarded by the supreme court being absorbed in school disbursements as follows:

Rural aid to District 91, Sullivan county, \$100; conditional apportionment of public funds under the high school aid law, \$12,740.32.

### Immigrants to Missouri.

With the falling off in 1915 of immigration from Europe into Missouri amounting to fully 60 per cent, due to the war, it will prove interesting information to people in Missouri what the occupations of the alien men, women and children who settled in Missouri that year might be.

A bureau of labor statistics bulletin, issued under the direction of the commissioner, John T. Fitzpatrick, constituting advance information from the "Missouri Red Book for 1916," announces that the 2,743 foreigners arriving at United States seaports with Missouri as their destination, 63 followed professional pursuits, 401 were skilled wage earners, 1,178 gave as their occupations callings classed as "miscellaneous," and 1,101 were women and children depending upon fathers, husbands and brothers for their existence.

### Unclaimed Money in State Banks.

Seven hundred accounts in Missouri state banks and trust companies, aggregating about \$75,000, which have been unclaimed for more than five years, were made public by State Bank Commissioner J. T. Mitchell. No accounts in national banks are included, because the state bank commissioner has no authority over them.

The list is made public in accordance with the provisions of the new banking law, enacted by the last legislature. If the deposit remains unclaimed it continues to be a deposit in the banking institution, drawing interest in most cases, and must continue to be published as unclaimed once every five years.

The published list includes deposits ranging in amounts from \$5 to \$8,802. The largest is in two accounts aggregating \$8,802 deposited in the German Savings Institution and the Boatmen's Bank in St. Louis, by G. H. Suver in the year 1887. Suver is dead. Within the last year his heirs found a letter written by him a short time before his death telling of the deposits. The letter has been misplaced and forgotten. The heirs are now attempting to prove their right to the money.

### Odd Cents Belong to County.

Attorney General Barker has decided that the odd cents which flow into the hands of the various county collectors as a result of fractional assessments belong to the county in which they are paid, and should not be turned over to the state treasury.

The books in all of the counties show more taxes collected than are handed over to the state. The amounts are small, and no county is much enriched by the accumulations.

### Explains Fire Rating Rule.

An order of importance to all who deal in fire insurance in Missouri has been promulgated by State Superintendent Walter K. Chorn. "Under the Missouri fire-rating act no agent or broker can write a fire insurance policy at any other rate than the published rate.

"A policy at any other rate than the rate then on file, even though marked 'subject to rate,' is a violation of law. The use of the phrase 'subject to rate' in such instances must be discontinued."

### Painter Paroled Two.

Acting Governor William R. Painter paroled two convicts from the penitentiary to whom the board of pardons and paroles, after an investigation and hearing of their cases had denied clemency.

### McDavid Not a Candidate.

Former State Senator Frank M. McDavid, who has been mentioned as a candidate for governor this year, has announced that he will not enter the race. His following had assumed formidable proportions.

### State Collects Monthly Interest.

Checks from the various state depositories were received by State Treasurer Edwin P. Deal as interest on the state's daily balances for the month of December, 1915.

The amount paid by each of the depositories for the month was: Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, \$349.42; Central National Bank, Boonville, \$508.91; Charleston Bank, Charleston, \$307.12; Exchange Bank, Jefferson City, \$524.22; First National Bank, Jefferson City, \$510.09; Old Bank Trust Co., Shelbyville, \$159.42; Holland Banking Co., Springfield, \$552.19; Banking House of T. J. Lycan, Edina, \$146.01; Bank of La Plata, La Plata, \$149.94; Ellington Bank, Ellington, \$158.81; Kearney Bank, Kearney, \$310.02; Bank of Lilbourn, Lilbourn, \$175.77; Schuyler County Bank, Lancaster, \$164.93; Stoddard County Trust Co., Bloomfield, \$160.28; Citizens' Bank, Marshfield, \$150.33; Southern Trust Co., Springfield, \$156; Mississippi County Bank, Charleston, \$155.25.

Central Missouri Trust Co., Jefferson City, \$8.14 on daily current balances, and \$561.45 on daily balances in the Capitol Building Fund.

Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis, \$1,133.92 on current daily balances and \$5,469.52 on Capitol Building Fund.

### Motor Licenses Yield \$300,000.

There will be virtually no more registrations of automobiles this month, which is the last of the current registration year. The new year for automobiles begins February 1.

Applications for license next year are coming into the automobile department of the office of Secretary of State Roach at the rate of 2,000 daily. They are being handled at the rate of 1,000 a day, and 30,000 licenses will be ready to send out January 31.

The total number of motor vehicles of all kinds registered during the year now closing was 76,462. The total for the coming year, if the ratio of increase in new machines bought in Missouri is maintained will be in excess of 100,000.

The total number of registrations for the month of December, 1915, was only 204 cars.

St. Louis city leads with 16,421 registered vehicles of all kinds and Kansas City comes next with 9,309.

Carter county has only one automobile, according to the figures from the state department.

### May Intervene in Frisco Plan.

It has developed that Attorney General Barker is likely to intervene in the matter of the reorganization of the Frisco Railway in the event the commission decides to take testimony as to the value of the property, as United States Senator Reed will ask that body to do when the motion for modification of the judgment and a rehearing is taken up January 25. The attorney general said that he could not make a definite statement at this time or before he is advised as to the scope of the rehearing.

Senator Reed wants the commission to open the case sufficiently to permit testimony being introduced tending to show that the reorganization committee has overlooked the property and proposes to issue some securities based on water. If the attorney general intervenes, it will be along the line of a protest against water in the stock.

### Drainage Congress Meets.

Delegates have been appointed to represent Missouri at the 6th annual meeting of the National Drainage Congress to be held at Cairo, Ill., on January 18, 19, 20 and 21.

John H. Nolen, commissioner of land reclamation for Missouri, is the Missouri executive committee member of the drainage congress and one of the five members of the board of governors. Speaker Champ Clark, Senator Newlands of Nevada, some members of the president's cabinet and Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi will speak.

### Lamm to Come Out.

The boom for former Judge Henry Lamm of Sedalia for the Republican nomination for governor was formally launched at a banquet given by the St. Louis Lamm Club in the Planters' Hotel.

### Kiel in the Field.

The St. Louis Republican city committee held an informal meeting Saturday and decided to do all in their power to aid the candidacy of Mayor Henry W. Kiel for governor. Official announcement will follow.

### St. Louis Gets School Money.

The city of St. Louis will receive \$60,000 of school money as soon as requisition is made by the board of education. This is a share under a recent ruling of the supreme court in the celebrated diversion case.

### Not Out of Race.

Governor Major has not yet decided as to whether he will be a candidate for vice-president. In the meantime, his senatorial aspirations will not be allowed to fall into a state of desuetude.

### Major in Washington.

Governor Major went to Washington for a talk with the president in behalf of Judge Graves' candidacy for the supreme court to succeed to the place made vacant by Justice Lamar's death.

### Granted More Time.

The state public service commission has issued an order extending until October 1 its ruling that the street car companies of St. Louis must have its equipment properly ventilated and heated.

### New Member of Pardon Board.

Governor Major has appointed W. C. Warner, editor of the Lamar Leader at Lamar, Mo., a member of the state board of pardons and paroles, to succeed H. J. Blanton, who has resigned.

## TURKS ATTACKED ON TWO FRONTS

RUSSIAN AND BRITISH JOIN IN MAKING LIFE MISERABLE FOR MOSLEMS.

### NOTHING DOING ELSEWHERE

Artillery Engagements on French Line and Italians Worry Austrians—Montenegrins Flee to Mountain Fastnesses.

London.—The Turks are now being attacked by both Russians and British. In the Caucasus the Russians, greatly re-enforced, are on the offensive along a front of almost a hundred miles, while in Mesopotamia the British have forced the retirement of the Ottoman troops along both banks of the Tigris River to the south of Kut-el-Amara, and still are closely pressing them on the east and the north.

### Continues Pursuit of Montenegrins.

On the other fronts, except in Montenegro, little fighting is in progress. On the line in France and Belgium the operations have consisted mainly of artillery duels and mining and counter mining work.

A trench taken by the Austro-Hungarians from the Italians, near the Tolmino bridgehead, and an increase in the Italian bombardment of this region, and also of Gorizia, Marivrh and Monte San Michele form the chief events on the Austro-Italian lines.

In Montenegro the Austro-Hungarians continue their pursuit of the Montenegrins, capturing from them positions and men.

### Sons in Plot to Murder Parents.

Chicago.—Irving and Herbert Updike, sons of Furman D. Updike, millionaire Board of Trade man, were arrested charged with plotting the murder of their parents.

The crime was to have been committed Sunday night, according to confessions which the police of Oak Park, the suburban residence of the Updikes, say the two men made.

Irving Updike, 38 years old, is said to have coerced his brother, 21, into the plot. Belief that the father was to change his will, disinheriting them, is said to have been the motive.

### Walks Away With \$17,000.

Evansville, Ind.—Stating that the bank had made an error and that he would take the money back to have the mistake rectified, George H. Fink, assistant bookkeeper of the Hercules Buggy Co., walked out of the company's office here with a satchel containing \$17,000, the money for the weekly payroll. He was arrested later and the money recovered.

### Church Riot.

Scranton.—Rioting which broke out between rival factions at the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Scranton, near Scranton, Sunday, resulted in death of one man, the probable fatal injury of two others and the serious injury of at least a dozen more.

### Cold and Apoplexy Fatal.

Pana, Ill.—Overcome with cold and stricken by apoplexy, Frank Elam, wealthy farmer of South Pana, fell dead in his barn lot. The widow and eight children survive.

### Shot Leaving Courthouse.

Sullivan, Ill.—Mrs. Betty Bird was shot and killed on the street here as she was leaving the courthouse after being granted a divorce from Charles Bird. No arrests have been made.

### Bones Found in "Fool Killer."

Chicago.—The crude submarine "Fool Killer," recovered from the river bottom a few weeks ago, was found to contain some human bones, supposed to be those of the inventor.

### Killed Under Load of Grain.

Grand Forks, N. D.—Martin W. Ross, who until a year ago lived with his parents at Whitehall, Ill., was killed under a load of oats which overturned while he was on the way to market.

### 2,000 Homeless in Bergen.

Christiansburg, Norway.—A third of the Paris, France.—A dispatch to the seaport, with a population of 9,000, was destroyed by fire. Two lives were reported to have been lost and 2,000 persons are homeless. The property damage is estimated at \$15,000,000.